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EXDIS MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

RADM MCCLENDON SENDS

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SUBJECT: US-RP MILITARY TO MILITARY DISCUSSIONS

1. FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MEETING OF SENIOR MILITARY REPS
TOOK PLACE AT CAMP AGUINALDO THIS MORNING. MEETING
WAS CONDUCTED IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. PHIL SIDE
MEMBERSHIP WAS AS IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS. RADM MCCLENDON
ASSUMED LEAD FOR US SIDE.

2. AFTER GEN ESPINO WELCOMED RADM MCCLENDON AS FRIEND
OF LONG STANDING, RADM MCCLENDON TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY
TO BRIEFLY REVIEW THE GENESIS OF THE MILITARY TO
MILITARY DISCUSSIONS, NOTE THE LIMITED NATURE OF THE
DISCUSSIONS (I.E. DELIMITATION OF BASES AND FACILITIES,
BROAD DUTIES, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PHIL
AND US COMMANDERS, AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ESTI-
MATES OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY AFP FORCES

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TO PROVIDE PERIMETER SECURITY AT EACH BASE), AND GOAL
OF PRODUCING MAPS AND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY
FORM THE BASIS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE MBA.

3. RADM MCCLENDON REFERRED TO SEPARATE MEETINGS OF PHIL
AND US SERVICE REPS AND NOTED THAT CLARK DELIMITATION
APPEARED TO BE SETTLED WITH EXCEPTION OF MITCHELL HGHWY

AND POSSIBLY CROW VALLEY. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED TO EXCLUDE A PORTION OF MITCHELL HIGHWAY FROM THE US FACILITY WITH EXPRESS CAVEAT THAT SUCH NOT APPROVED AT CINCPAC OR HIGHER LEVEL. BGEN ALEJANDRO ADVISED THAT GEN ESPINO HAD CONFIRMED THAT CROW VALLEY ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN AGREED TO IN PRIOR ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ALONG LINES DESCRIBED BY BGEN POSTON. GEN ESPINO AGREED WITH US PROPOSAL THAT SUBIC DELIMITATION BE HANDLED IN TWO STAGES. THE FIRST STAGE, WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED AT NEXT MEETING OF SENIOR MILITARY REPS, WOULD NOT COVER DELIMITATION OF SUBIC BAY WATERS, GRANDE ISLAND OR SUBIC WATERSHED BUT WOULD COVER ALL REMAINING AREAS OF THE BASE, INCLUDING HECTARES FOR PHIL NAVY. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT SERVICE TO SERVICE LEVEL MEETINGS WOULD MOVE ON TO CONSIDERATION OF WALLACE AND SAN MIGUEL UPON COMPLETION OF CLARK AND SUBIC DELIMITATIONS. PHIL SIDE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD PRESENT A PAF PROPOSAL FOR WALLACE AT NEXT AIR FORCE TO AIR FORCE MEETING.

4. AFTER NOTING THAT VIEWS ON DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS WERE BEING EXCHANGED AT THE SEPARATE SERVICE LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, RADM MCCLENDON POINTED OUT THAT USAF AND USN REPS WERE COORDINATING AND PROPOSED THAT THE TWO SERVICE TO SERVICE GROUPS MEET TOGETHER AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. ESPINO CONCURRED.

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5. TOWARD END OF THE MEETING, ESPINO STATED HIS BELIEF THAT SUBSTANCE TOOK PRIORITY OVER FORM AND THAT WE NEED NOT GET BOGGED DOWN IN DETAILS. RADM MCCLENDON NOTED THAT WE NEEDED TO REACH AGREEMENT IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO PERMIT INCORPORATION OF LANGUAGE INTO APPROPRIATE FORMAT FOR MBA AMENDMENT. GEN ESPINO AGREED AND REFERRED TO THE NEED TO REDUCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CROW VALLEY TO WRITING ASAP SINCE IT WILL FORM THE PATTERN FOR SIMILAR AREAS AT OTHER BASES.

6. AS THE FINAL ITEM OF BUSINESS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF SENIOR MILITARY REPS WOULD BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 8 JULY. SERVICE REPS AGREED TO AIR FORCE MEETING AT CLARK AND NAVY MEETING AT SUBIC, BOTH ON THURSDAY, 6 JULY. MURPHY

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